Issue of Industrial Licences

1170. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial licences issued in the country from January, 1985 till June, 1986; and

(b) what is the number and the percentage of the total number of such licences granted for the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Punjab, West Bengal, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, the following number of industrial licences were granted during January, 1985 to June, 1986:—

All India total	Number	% share
	1326	100%
	a	
Bihar	23	1·7
Haryana	66	5.0
M.P.	56	4.2
Maharashtra	186	14·0
Orissa	30	2·3
Punjab	93	7·0
U.P.	119	9.0
West Bengal	62	4.7

Nike Shoes under foreign brand name

1171. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Nike" shoes are proposed to be manufactured in India;

(b) whether they will be sold under the foreign trade mark "Nike" in India;

(c) whether they will be permitted to sell under a hybrid name, even though the hybrid name's registered owner in India is not the Indian Company; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that no foreign brand names are used in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A Letter of Intent has been granted to a firm for manufacture of sports-shoes in collaboration with M/s. Nike Inc., USA.

(b) In terms of the Foreign Collaboration Approval, foreign brand names are not allowed for use on products for internal sales.

(c) No such request has been received from the firm.

(d) Steps to introduce suitable measures providing for Government's prior approval to the use of Registered Trade Mark are being initiated.

Revamping of public sector units

1172. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned 'Move to revamp public units" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 15th July, 1986;

(b) if so, what changes the Central Government propose to make in the functioning of the public sector units under the said move; and

(c) to what extent the performing of the public sector units will be improved thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) Government have all along been endeavouring to improve the performance

of public sector units and a number of steps have been taken in this direction. In the Engineering Sector a decision to form two holding companies has already been taken. These holding companies consist of:—

1. *Holding company with hearquarters at Calcutta*:

(1) Bharat Brakes & Valves Ltd.

(2) Engineering portion of Bharat Process and Mechanical Engineers Ltd. and Weighbird (India) Ltd.

(3) Lagen Jute Machinery Co. Ltd.

(4) Bharat Wagon & Engineering Company Ltd.

(5) Burn Standard Company Ltd.

(6) Jess-op & Company Ltd.

(7) Braithwaite & Co. Ltd.

(8) Braithwaite, Burn, Jessop & Co. Ltd.

2. *Holding company with headquarters at Allahabad.*

(1) Bharat Heavy Plate & Vessels

(2) Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd.

(3) Triveni Structurals Ltd.

(4) Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd.

(5) Richardson & Cruddas (1972) Ltd.

(6) Bridge and Roof Co. (India) Ltd.

Some of the other steps taken include: close monitoring and periodic review of performance by the Administrative Ministries/Departments at very high levels and vigorous follow up action of decisions taken in such meetings; allowing Board level executives a tenure of five years to start with and also deputation of managerial personnel from one enterprise to another for a maximum period of three years. These are in addition to such steps as upgradation of technology; modernisation of Plant & Equipment wherever considered necessary; diversification of products, provision of balancing facilities; emphasis on training and retraining of personnel; encouraging labour participation in management and improvement of productivity and efficiency thereby facilitating cost reduction and cost control etc.

(c) No quantification of the improvement is possible.

Review of the performance of public sector undertakings

1173. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government undertakes periodical review of the performance of the public sector undertakings under the control of the Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that some companies have poor management and there is no check on expenditure; and the salaries and perks of the staff continue to increase in spite of heavy losses; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government for improving the working of the sick companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While it is not denied that there is always scope for improving the quality of management and reduction in the expenditure in the public enterprises, the increase in salaries and wages are generally on account of D.A. increase, annual increments, wage revision etc. and these cannot be directly related to the profit/loss position of the enterprises. As regards wage revisions, the enterprises have to obtain the approval of the Government and the D.A. increases are followed as per approved formula.